

BILL NO. BL 2019-1560 (VERCHER) – This ordinance would amend the workforce development program through the Mayor's Office of Economic and Community development to include projects receiving any publicly financed economic development incentives provided by the Metropolitan Government.

Currently, Chapter 2.211 establishes a workforce development program through the Mayor's Office of Economic and Community Development. This program provides job training and recruitment to Nashville residents for construction projects for which tax increment financing (TIF) or payments-in-lieu-of-tax (PILOT) agreements have been provided as incentives by the Metropolitan Government. It further establishes a goal of spending a minimum of twenty-percent of project costs with small, minority-owned, and women-owned business enterprises, referred to as diversified business enterprises (DBEs) by the private businesses receiving TIF and PILOT incentives. It also requires businesses receiving TIF and PILOT incentives to use the workforce development program to ensure reasonable efforts are made to hire residents of Davidson County.

The ordinance under consideration would expand the program from businesses receiving TIF and PILOT incentives to businesses receiving *any* publicly financed economic development incentives provided by the metropolitan government. This would include, but not be limited to, TIF, PILOT agreements, as well as participation agreements, and economic and community development incentive grants authorized by MCL Chapter 2.210.